

Recreation Commission Director's Report February 11, 2026

Programs/Events:

- **Summer Camp Registrations Dates**
Pop Shots / Tiny Bubbles: Monday March 2nd
Playgrounds (Stevens/MYB/Fritz): Monday March 16th
Summer Sizzlers: Monday March 9th
- Easter Event April 2nd 6pm at Parks and Recreation
- Summer Brochure in home date May 22nd

Projects/Facilities:

- Working with the Wallingford Health Department on the purchase and construction of a fitness court for Community Lake Park. Recent phone interview with the National Fitness Campaign awarded Wallingford a \$35k grant for the project. Wallingford Health Department to allocate \$185k of funding from the Opioid Settlement Funding to be appropriated for the equipment. Only 3 sites currently in CT (Plainville & Bridgeport) **EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN DELIVERED AND IS BEING STORED AT THE OLD POLICE DEPARTMENT UNTIL INSTALLATION**
- Working with Bee Mac Construction on the installation of new player bench pads at West Side Softball Field **ON GOING - WEATHER PERMITTING SPRING MARCH/APRIL**
- Community Pool Update:
 - Concrete Footings and Foundation have been installed for the Men's locker room. Working on the same footing and foundation for the Men's locker room.
 - Work currently on the Gabion Wall on the south side of the park for erosion control
- Estimated Cost for Conceptual Plan for site work and redesign of Dutton Park was sent to Sheila in Program Planning for potential grant opportunities to fund the design work of the project. Conceptual Design cost estimated at \$91k. **ON GOING WORKING WITH SHEILA GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR ON POSSIBLE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS PROJECT**
- SLR International was the lowest quote as the Architect to work on the Pat Wall Feasibility Plan. This Feasibility Plan is to redesign the external areas of the field and upgrade the fencing, backstop, dugouts, bull pens, provide accessibility to the field from the upper level, retaining wall seating in the hill behind home plate. Estimated cost of the project from the feasibility plan is \$856k. **WORKING WITH SHEILA GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR ON POSSIBLE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS PROJECT**
- Working with Ishaan Penny, Wallingford Resident and Eagle Scout on Pollinator Garden to be placed on the West Side of the Park and Recreation Department Building, next to patio. Project to begin March/April 2026. **ONGOING**
- Town has implemented an advertising/sponsorship program for volunteer-based youth leagues to advertise on town fields during the season. By opting into this program, the leagues will forfeit their league contribution money from the town.
- Working with Wallingford Vikings Football on the conversion of the Pragemann Pavilion to a storage garage. 3 quotes have been received.
- Recent fence repair was completed at the Dog Park from storm damage of downed trees.
- Spring Summer Field Users Meeting for Youth and Adult Sports Groups will be Tuesday February 17th and Tuesday February 24th.

Upcoming –

- Budget 2026-2027
- Annual Report for 2025